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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of George E. Fox,  
Richard C. Willson III and Zhengdong Zhang  
Serial No.: 10/057,270

Filed: 26 Jan 2002

For: ... Methods for Determining the Genetic  
Affinity of Microorganisms and Viruses

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Response Due: 9 August 2009 [Two Months]

Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450 Group 1631  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 9 June 2009 by Examiner Sims, consideration of the following Amendments and Remarks is solicited.

No additional fee is believed due because the Claims now number 20 including 2 independent claims. Applicants are responding within two months of the Final Action.

The Undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to 1571 273 8300 Central fax of the USPTO on 7 August 2009.